A TRVE COPY OF two Letters, the first sent from the Earle of *Ormonde* to the Honorable Colonell *Michaell Iones*, Commander in chiefe of the Parliaments Forces in *Leinster*, AND Governor of the Citty of *Dublin*, VVith Colonell *Iones* his Answer, To the Earle of *Ormondes* saied Letter.

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The Lord of Ormonds Letter, to Colonell [illegible]

Sir,

I Have not thus long forborne to invite you with those under your Command to a submission to his Majesties authority in me, and a Conjunction with mee in the wayes of his service out of any the least averseness I had to your Persons or any of them, or out of any disaffection, I had to your Preservation or impeach the same, but out of my fear that whilst those that have of late usurped Power over the Kingdom of England, bold forth the least colourable shadow of moderation in their intentions, towards the settlement of Church or State, or that in some tolerable way, with relation to Religion, the interest of the King and Crowne, the Freedome of Parliaments, and the Liberty of the Subject, any addresses from mee proposing the withdrawing of that Party from those that professing, and from whom they have recieved some, and expect further support, would have been but coldly recieved, and any determination thereupon deferred, in hope and expectation of the forementioned settlement, or that if you your selfe (who certainly have not wanted a right of the late confusion now covering the face of England) would have declared with mee, the Lord Inchequin, and the Protestant Army in munster, in prevention thereof. Yet my feare was it would have been as difficult for you to have carried with you the maine body of the Army under your Command (not soe cleare sighted as your selfe,) as it would have been dangerous for you and those with you well inclined to have attempted it without them. But now that the Masque of hipocrysie, by which the Independent Army hath ensnared and enslaved all Estates and degrees of men, is laied aside: Now that barefaced they evidently appeare to be the subvertors of true Religion and the protectors and invitors not only of all false ones, but of irreligion and athisme, now that they have barborously and inhumanely

inhumainely layed violent ſacrilegious hands upon, and murthered Gods anointed and our King, not as heretofore ſome Patricides have done, to make roome for ſome uſurper, but in a way plainly manifeſting their intentions, to change the Monarchy of England unto Anarchy, unleſſe their aim be ſtill to Conſtitute an elective Kingdome and Cromwell or ſome ſuch Iohn of Leyden *being elected, then by the ſame force by which they have thus farre compaſſed their end, to eſtabliſh a perfect* turkiſh tyranie: *now that of* the three Eſtates, *of* King, Lords, *and* Commons; *whereof in all ages* Parliaments *have conſiſted there remaines onely a ſmall number, and they* dreggs *and ſcumme of* the houſe of Commons *picked and awed by the* Army, *a wicked remnant left for noe other end, then yet further, (if it be poſible) to delude the People with the name of* Parliament, *the King being murthered, and the* Lords, *and the reſt of the* Commons *being by unheard of violence forced at ſeverall times from the* houſe *and ſome impriſoned: and in w*hat there remaines noe other Liberty in the ſubject, *but to profeſſe blaſphemous opinions, to revile and tread under foote* Majeſtracy, *to murther* Majeſtrates, *and oppreſſe and undoe all that are not like minded with them. Now I ſay I cannot doubt, but that you and all that are with you or under your Command, will take this oppertunity to declare and act, againſt ſoe monſtrous and unparalelld* a Rebellion, *and that you and they, will cheerefully acknowledge and faithfully ſerve and obey* Our gracious King Charles the ſecond, *undoubted Heire of his* Fathers *Crowne and vertues: unders whoſe right and conduct wee may by Gods aſſiſtance* reſtore Proteſtant Religion to purity, and therein ſettle it, Parliaments to a freedome, good Lawes to their force, and our fellow Subjects to their juſt liberty: *wherein how bleſſed and glorious a thing it will bee, to bee ſoe conſiderably* Inſtrumentall *as you may now make your ſelfe; I leave to you now to conſider, and though I conceive there are not any Motiues relateing to Particular intreſts to be mentioned after theſe ſo weighty Conſidertions, which are ſuch as the* World *hath not at*

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any time been furniſhed with, yet I hold it my part to aſſure you, that as there is nothing you can reaſonably propoſe for the ſafety, ſatisfaction, or advantage of your ſelfe or of any that ſhall adhere to you, in what I deſire, that I ſhall not to the vttermoſt of my power provide for, ſoe there is nothing I ſhould or would, more induſtriouſly avoide: then thoſe neceſſities ariſing from my duty to God and Man, that may by your rejecting this offer, force mee to be a ſaddinſtrument of ſheding of English blood *which in ſuch caſe muſt on both ſides happen. If this Overture finde place with you (as I earneſtly wiſh it may,) let mee know with what poſible ſpeed you can, and (if you pleaſe) by the bearer in what way you deſire it ſhould be drawen on to a Concluſion, for in that, as well as in the ſubſtance, you ſhall finde all ready compliance from mee that deſires to bee,*

Carricke the 9th of *March* 1648.

Your affectionate friend to ſerve you,

ORMONDE.

For Colonell *Michaell Iones*, Gover-
nour of *Dubl*[illegible]

Colonell *Iones*, his Anſwer to the Lord of *Ormonds* ſaied Letter.

My Lord,

Your Lordſhips of the 9th I received the 12th inſtant and therein have I *your Lordſhips Invitation* to a *Conjunction with your ſelfe* (I ſuppoſe) as *Lord Lieutenant of Ireland*, and *with others*, now united with the *Iriſh*, and with the *Iriſh themſelves*

themselves alsoe. As I understand not how *your Lordship* should bee invested with that power pretended; Soe am I very well assured, that it is not in the power of any, without the *Parliament of England* to give and allow pardon to those *bloody Rebells*, as by the *Act*, to that end pass'd, may more fully. I am alsoe well assured, that the *Parliament of England*, would never assent to such a *Peace* (such is that *your Lordships* with the *Rebells* wherein is little or no Provision made either for the *Protestants* or the *Protestant Religion*, nor can I understand how the *Protestant Religion* should be *settled and Restored to it's purity*, by an *Army of Papists*, or the *Protestants interests* maintained by those very *Enemies*, by whom *they* have been spoyled, and *their* Children murthered, and very evident it is, that both the *Protestants* and *Protestant Religion* are in that your *Lordships* Letter, left to the Power of the *Rebels* to be by them borne downe and rooted out at Pleasure.

As for that consideration by *your Lordship* offered of *the present and late Proceedings in England*: I see not how it may bee a sufficient motive to mee, (or any other in like *trust*, for the *Parliament of England*, *in* the *service* of this *Kingdome*) *to joyn with those Rebells* upon any the pretences in that your *Lordships Letter* mentioned.

For therein were there a manifest *betraying of that trust*, repos'd in mee, In diserting *the service and worke committed to mee*, in *joyning with those I should oppose*, and in *opposing whom I am obliged to serve.*

Neither concieve *I* it any part of my work and care to take notice, of *any whatsoever proceedings of State, forreine to my charge and trust here*, especially they being found hereunto apparently destructive.

Most certaine it is (and former ages have approoved it) that the intermedling of *Governours* and *Parties in this Kingdome* with *sideings* and *Parties in England*, hath been the very betraying of *this Kingdome* to the *Irish*, whiles the

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Britiſh forces here had ben thereupon called off and *the place* therein lyed open, and (as it were) given up to the *common Enemie.*

It is what *your Lordſhip* might have obſerved in your former *Treaty* with the *Rebells*, that upon *your Lordſhips* thereupon withdrawing and ſending hence *into England* the moſt conſiderable part of the *Engliſh Army*, then commanded by you, thereby was the remaineing *Brittiſh party*, not long after, overpowered, and *your quarters* by the *Iriſh* over runne to the gates of *Dublin*, *your ſelfe* alſoe reduced to that *low condition* as to be *beſeiged* in this very *City* (the *Metropolis* and *principall Citadell* of the *Kingdome*,) and by *thoſe very Rebells* who till then, never could ſtand before you. And what the end hath been *of that party alſoe*, ſoe ſent by *your Lordſhip* into *England*, (although the flower and ſtrength of the *Engliſh Army here*, both for *Officers* and *Soulldiers*) hath been very obſervable.

And how much the *Dangers* are at preſent (more then in former *ages*,) of *hazarding the Engliſh intreſt in this Kingdom* by *ſending any parties hence into any other Kingdome, upon any pretences whatſoever*, is very apparent, as in the *generality of their Rebellion*, now more then formerly, ſoe conſidering *your Lordſhips* preſent *Condicions* with and *Confeſſions* to the *Rebells*, wherein, they are *allowed the continued poſſeſſion of All the Cities Forts, and places of ſtrength, whereof they ſtood poſſeſſed at the time of their Treaty with your Lordſhip*, and *that they are to have a ſtanding Force of fiveteen thouſand Foote, and two thouſand five hundred Horſe*, (If I well remember it,) *all of their owne party, Officers, and Soulldiers*, and *they* (*with the whole Kingdome*) *to be governed by a major party of Iriſh truſtees choſen by the Rebells themſelves*, as perſons for their intereſts and ends to be by them confided in; without whom nothing is to be tranſacted. And herein, I cannot but minde *your Lordſhip* of what hath been ſometimes *by your ſelfe* delivered, as your ſence in this Particular, *that* the

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Engliſh intreſt in Ireland muſt be preſerved by the Engliſh and not by Iriſh: and upon that ground (if I be not deceived,) did *your Lordſhip* then *Capitulate*, with the *Parliament of England*, from which *cleare Principle*, I am ſorry to ſee *your Lordſhip* now receding.

As *to that by your Lordſhip menaced to vs here of bloud and force, if diſcenting from thoſe your Lordſhips wayes and deſignes.*

For *my Particular I* ſhall (*my Lord*) much rather chooſe to ſuffer in ſoe doing, (for therein ſhall I do what is becomming and anſwerable to my *Truſt*,) then to purchaſe to my ſelfe, in the contrary, the Ignominious brand of *Perfidy*, by any *allurements* of whatſoever *advantages* offered mee.

But very Confident I am, that the ſame *Divine power* which hath followed mee in *this worke*, will ſtill follow me, and in that *Truſt* doubt I nothing of thus giving *your Lordſhip, plainly*, this my *Reſolution* in that Particular. So I remaine

My Lord,

Dublin March. 14. 1648.

Your Lordſhips humble ſervant,

Signed, *Mic: Iones.*

For the Lord of *Ormonde*, theſe.